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AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Draft—Pub. L. 480 Title II Guidelines for Fiscal Year 2001 Program Proposals and Draft—Pub. L. 480 Title II Guidelines for Fiscal Year 1999 Results Reports

Pursuant to the Agricultural Market and Transition Act of 1996 (Public Law 480, as amended), notice is hereby given that the Draft Guidelines for Pub. L. 480 Title II Fiscal Year 2001 Program Proposals, and the Draft Guidelines for Pub. L. 480 Title II Fiscal Year 1999 Results Reports, are being made available to interested parties for the required thirty (30) day comment period.

Individuals who wish to receive a copy of these draft guidelines should contact: Office of Food for Peace, Agency for International Development, RRB 7.06-120, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, Washington, DC 20523-0809. Contact person: Gwen Johnson, (202) 712-0664. Individuals who have questions or comments on the draft guidelines should contact Richard Newberg at (202) 712-1828.

The thirty day comment period will begin on the date that this announcement is published in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: November 1, 1999.

William T. Oliver,

Director, Office of Food for Peace, Bureau for Humanitarian Response.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Notice of Proposed Changes to Section 1 of the Iowa State Technical Guide

AGENCY: Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), U.S. Department of Agriculture.

ACTION: Notice of availability of proposed changes in the Iowa NRCS State Technical Guide for review and comment.

SUMMARY: It has been determined by the NRCS State Conservationist for Iowa that changes must be made in the NRCS State Technical Guide specifically in Section 1 Erosion Prediction, Revised Universal Soil Loss Equation, to account for improved technology. This erosion prediction process can be used in systems that treat highly erodible land.

DATES: Comments will be received on or before December 13, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Leroy Brown, State Conservationist, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Federal Building, 210 Walnut Street, Suite 693, Des Moines, Iowa 50309; at 515/284-4260; fax 515/284-4394.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 343 of the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 states that revisions made after enactment of the law to NRCS State technical guides used to carry out highly erodible land and wetland provisions of the law shall be made available for public review and comment. For the next 30 days the NRCS will receive comments relative to the proposed changes. Following that period a determination will be made by the NRCS regarding disposition of those comments and a final determination of change will be made.

Dated: October 27, 1999.

Lynn Betts,

Acting State Conservationist.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Natural Resources Conservation Service

New Mexico Field Office Technical Guide; Changes

AGENCY: United States Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service, New Mexico.

ACTION: Notice of availability of proposed changes in the NRCS New Mexico FOTG, Section IV, conservation practices for review and comment.

AUTHORITY: 16 U.S.C. 3801; Public Law 104-127.

SUMMARY: It is the intention of NRCS New Mexico to issue a series of new conservation practice standards and specifications in its FOTG on Conservation Practices. These revised standards and specifications include: Conservation crop rotation, Cross wind ridges, Cross wind stripcropping, Cross wind trap strips, Residue management, seasonal, Residue management, mulch till, residue management, no-till & strip till, Residue management, ridge till, Restoration and Management of Declining Habitat, Shallow Water Management for Wildlife, Wetland Creation, Wetland wildlife habitat management, Wildlife watering facility, Prescribed burning, Brush management, Forage Harvest Management, Grazing land mechanical treatment, Pasture and hay planting, prescribed grazing, and range planting.

The NRCS New Mexico State Conservationist has chosen to revise and supplement the National Standards and add specifications adapted to the State of New Mexico. These will be incorporated into Section IV of the New Mexico Field Office Technical Guide (FOTG). Some of these practices may be used in conservation systems that treat highly erodible land and wetlands.

Copies of these standards are available from NRCS in Albuquerque, NM and are also available electronically on the NRCS New Mexico Internet Homepage at: <http://www.nm.nrcs.usda.gov/techserv/sec4home.htm>.

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DATES: Comments will be received on or before December 13, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Inquire in writing to Mr. Rosendo Trevino, State Conservationist, NRCS, 6200 Jefferson NE, Suite 305, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87109.

Dated: October 21, 1999.

Rosendo Trevino III,
State Conservationist.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Business—Cooperative Service

Invitation for Applications of Interest to Sell Intermediary Relending Program (IRP) Loans Under an Expanded Pilot

AGENCY: Rural Business-Cooperative Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Rural Business-Cooperative Service (RBS) announces an expanded pilot sale of Intermediary Relending Program intermediary loans made to third parties. RBS will competitively select and authorize several intermediaries to sell an aggregate amount of approximately \$50 million of the existing IRP portfolios in Fiscal Year (FY) 2000 from among those intermediaries who have advanced at least 95 percent of IRP funding received by the intermediary. This announcement is also intended to provide notice to potential purchasers and other parties interested in structuring the sale of ultimate recipient notes. The intended effect of this notice is to solicit applications of interest from intermediaries who wish to participate in the FY 2000 loan sale. Selected applicants will be notified in writing and on the Agency web site. The benefit of this loan sale to the intermediary will be an increase in portfolio liquidity, allowing the intermediary to re-loan money back into the community. The Agency advances loans to eligible intermediaries that subsequently reloan to eligible applicants, including individuals, public or private organizations, or other legal entities with authority to incur debt and carry

out the purpose of the loan. During the application process for this pilot sale, an intermediary will express interest in selling its seasoned portfolio. The initial screening of the intermediaries and their portfolios will be the responsibility of the Rural Development State Offices. State Offices will make recommendations to the National Office, and the National Office will evaluate the applications of interest, along with State Office recommendations, and make the final selections for loan sales.

RBS will maintain lists of intermediaries expressing interest in offering their portfolios for sale, potential buyers for those portfolios, and offerors of other services to buyers or sellers, e.g., financial advisors. However, only intermediaries selected through the invitation of applications of interest process will be authorized to sell third-party loans. Intermediary applications of interest must include (1) a history of the intermediary; (2) its latest annual report; (3) summary data on each loan in the portfolio including original and current amount, interest rate, terms, loan maturities, and loan performance; (4) delinquency rate on all loans in its portfolio; (5) reserves for loan payments; (6) the number of jobs created or saved; (7) the Standard Industrial Code for each loan recipient; (8) write-off of bad debts history; (9) a proposal that illustrates how the sale of the intermediary's portfolio supports Rural Development Mission Area target objectives, i.e., rural areas suffering fundamental, physical and economic stress, persistent poverty, out migration, or as identified in the Rural Development State Strategic Plan; (10) non-federal fund leveraging of past or potential loans; and (11) the documentation of the need for added capital and unmet loan demand. It is important that the performance history of the overall portfolio, including any portion not proposed for sale, be fully detailed including the volume and frequency of any delinquencies or default.

DATES: The deadline for receipt of the applications of interest in the third-party sale must be received in the applicable Rural Development State Office (see **ADDRESSES** below) by 4:00 P.M. Eastern Standard Time on December 27, 1999.

Applications received after that date will not be considered for participation in the expanded pilot. The comment period for information collection under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 continues through January 11, 2000. Comments on the paperwork burden

must be received by this date to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Applications to participate in the expanded pilot sale should be mailed to the Rural Development State Office in the State in which the intermediary is headquartered. Listed below are the following addresses for Rural Development State Offices:

Alabama

USDA Rural Development State Office, Sterling Center, Suite 601, 4121 Carmichael Road, Montgomery, AL 36106-3683 (334) 279-3400

Alaska

USDA Rural Development State Office, 800 West Evergreen, Suite 201, Palmer, AK 99645-6539, (907) 745-2176

Arizona

USDA Rural Development State Office, 3003 North Central Avenue, Suite 900, Phoenix, AZ 85012-2906, (602) 280-8700

Arkansas

USDA Rural Development State Office, 700 West Capitol Avenue, Room 3416, Little Rock, AR 72201-3225, (501) 301-3200

California

USDA Rural Development State Office, 430 G Street, Agency 4169, Davis, CA 95616-4169, (530) 792-5800

Colorado

USDA Rural Development State Office, 655 Parfet Street, Room E-100, Lakewood, CO 80215, (303) 236-2801

Delaware-Maryland

USDA Rural Development State Office, 4607 South DuPont Highway, Camden, DE 19934-9998, (302) 697-4300

Florida/Virgin Islands

USDA Rural Development State Office, 4440 NW 25th Place, Gainesville, FL 32614-7010, (352) 338-3400

Georgia

USDA Rural Development State Office, Stephens Federal Building, 355 E. Hancock Avenue, Athens, GA 30601-2768, (706) 546-2162

Hawaii

USDA Rural Development State Office, Federal Building, Room 311, 154 Wai'anuenue Avenue, Hilo, HI 96720, (808) 933-8380

Idaho

USDA Rural Development State Office, 9173 West Barnes Drive, Suite A1, Boise, ID 83709, (208) 378-5600

Illinois

USDA Rural Development State Office, Illini Plaza, Suite 103, 1817